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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Sean Adams, et al. )  
Serial No. 09/888,264 ) Examiner Jon E. Angell  
Filing Date: June 22, 2001 ) Group Art Unit No. 1635  
For CONTROL OF METABOLISM )  
WITH HUMAN 2-OXOGLUTARATE )  
CARRIER )

## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of August 6, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

### In the Claims

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for screening for compounds that affect uncoupling, comprising:  
(a) contacting a mammalian cell or tissue sample with a candidate compound; and

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